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138 ATTEND ARES STORM SPOTTER EDUCATION EVENT

By Jay Farlow, W9LW, SKYWARN net manager

At least 138 people, not including speakers, attended a storm spotter education event Feb. 21 that the Allen County Amateur Radio Emergency Service organized. Speakers included (in order of appearance):

- Jim Moehring, KB9WWM, Indiana Section Emergency Coordinator
- Charles Ward, KC9MUT
- Jay Farlow, W9LW
- Bernie Beier, Director, Allen County Office of Homeland Security
- John Chavez, Deputy Director, Consolidated Communications Partnership (911/dispatch)
- Caleb Saylor, Meteorologist, Fox 55
- Caleb Chevalier, Meteorologist, ABC21
- Jon Wilson, Meteorologist, Fort Wayne's NBC
- Nicholas Ferreri, Meteorologist, WANE 15

Topics included:

- Why storm spotters are important
- Storm spotter safety
- The roles of Homeland Security and 911/dispatch



N9RAG Photo

- Thunderstorm basics, types and hazards
- Cloud identification
- What and how to report

Preliminary results from a web-based survey of attendees indicate that more than half had never attended any kind of storm spotter training previously, despite the fact that more than half were also licensed amateur radio operators. At the time this article was written, nearly

95 percent of respondents described the event overall as either "very good" or "excellent." Just over 92 percent described speakers as "very engaging" or "extremely engaging" and more than 97 percent described the information presented as "very useful" or "extremely useful."

The event also supported a positive image of amateur radio and ARES. Email comments from Homeland Security's Beier reflected this: "My personal respect and

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FWRC AUCTIONS CLASSIC RADIOS AT FEBRUARY MEETING



The February meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church (GSUMC) on 15 February, 2019. The meeting was hosted by President Charles Ward, KC9MUT, and there were about 40 folks in attendance.

This meeting was in essence a continuation of the equipment auction that was initiated during the January meeting and about fifty items of vintage ham radio gear dating from the 1930's through 70's was offered for auction. These items were from the estate of a ham whose family decided to donate it all to the club.

All but one of the items were of vacuum tube technology and represented many examples of the receiver and transmitter art from Hallicrafter, Lafayette, RME, National Radio Company, Heathkit, Ameco, Eico, Globe Chief, Knight, and a few others, including a beautiful fully functional Collins 32S-1 transmitter.

Steve Nardin, W9SAN organized the

March 15: Presentation will be on the 630-meter band, by Jim, K9OMA.

auction. The actual auctioneering itself was provided by Paul Prestia, KA3OPZ with support from helpers Charles Ward, KC9MUT, Fred Gengnagel, KC9EZP, and Steve Nardin. Bob and Donna Streeter, W8ST and W9DJS provided all of the bookkeeping and proceeds collection / checkout for the evening's activities.

As it turned out, every single piece of equipment, save for the Collins 32-1 was auctioned off to the many interested attendees. The 32S-1 had been checked out and was known to be fully functional so a reserve was placed upon it quite competitive to what one would find on eBay. But no one in attendance bid as high as the reserve. So the 32S-1 will most likely be



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offered on eBay, or perhaps will be offered for sale at the Fort Wayne Hamfest in November.

Pictures from the February meeting / auction may be found on the FWRC.info web page in the Photos tab, entitled "FWRC Auction, February 2019".

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE

Secretary, Fort Wayne Radio Club



2019 AUCTION RESULTS

There were 25 attendees who signed in for an identifying number for the February auction.

A total of \$237.50 changed hands as a result of the January auction. The auction benefit to the Fort Wayne Radio Club (as seller #1) was a \$169.50. The club also received \$6.80 in fees from various sellers (the club benefits by 10% of the sales made during the auction). There was a total of \$18.70 in donations to the club. The total benefit from the auction to the club was \$195.00. There were 21 active participants this year (excluding the club), with 2 individual who both sold and purchased items. There were 18 participants who only purchased items, and 1 participant who only sold items. There were 8 auction attendees who just watched. In total, there were 4 sellers at the auction including the club itself.

A total of \$213.00 changed hands as a result of the February auction. The auction benefit to the Fort Wayne Radio Club

(as seller #1) was a \$213.00, since there was only one seller (the club) for this auction. There was a total of \$40.00 in donations to the club. There were 17 active participants this year (excluding the club). There were 8 auction registrants who just watched, and 2 attendees who did not register to participate in the auction.

The club benefit for both auctions was \$408.00, making the 2019 auctions one of the most successful held for the club. A big THANK YOU to all the participants, including the buyers, sellers, auctioneers, and those who assisted the treasurer keeping track of the proceedings.

Bob, W8ST, Treasurer

State of the Arts

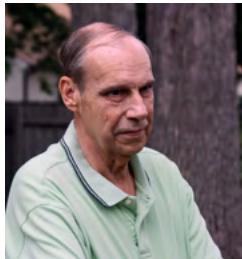
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ACARTS PRESIDENT's MESSAGE

The March meeting on the 19th will be a presentation on the digital software package FLDIGI by Jim Moehring, KB9WWM. Jim will give an overview of the suite of programs, the various digital modes that the operate, and how the digital modes are being used for emergency communications.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 6th. The VHF/UHF FM Simplex contest is again going to be held that evening from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The format will be essentially the same as in previous years. Official rules, logs, and maps, will



be posted on the ACARTS website in early March. It has been a fun little contest in the past, but it really gives you an idea of the capabilities of your station for simplex operation in an emergency situation. Plan on joining in for an evening of fun.

Another date to remember is Tuesday, April 16th. That is the night of the ACARTS Spring Banquet. I will begin taking reservations on the first of April.

73,

Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

President

ACARTS FEBRUARY 2019 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Dave, W9LKH.

Dave announced that ACARTS would not have a February General Meeting, even though the National Weather Service is not holding SKYWARN training in Allen County until sometime in the fall. ARES is holding a SKYWARN related session on February 21st, the Thursday of the week of our regular meeting. The fall is too close to the Hamfest for ACARTS to give up a meeting for SKYWARN.

The board members present reviewed the list of meeting topics that was assembled at the January planning meeting. Who would be the best person to pres-

ent each topic was discussed. No definite decision was made as to which meeting program we should try to arrange for the March meeting.

The April Spring Banquet was discussed. It was decided that ACARTS would continue to hold Spring Banquets. A discussion followed as to whether the continue holding the banquet at the Guesthouse or change venues.

No other business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

March 19: The meeting will be a presentation on FLDIGI by Jim Moehring, KB9WWM.

Unless otherwise scheduled, all General meetings are held at 7:00 PM at the Red Cross Center, 1212 E California Rd, Fort Wayne, IN. Board meeting are held at the Salvation Army Facility.



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appreciation for what you do was significantly increased last night. You are truly cornerstones in the foundation of our severe weather preparedness program. Your personal efforts make Allen County a better-prepared, more-resilient community... you make us Storm Ready!"

As Allen County HamNews reported in previous issues, ARES decided to organize the event after Farlow and Moerhing learned that the National Weather Service (NWS) would be unable to provide spotter training in Fort Wayne before the spring, 2019 storm season. The Northern Indiana NWS office provided, however, much of the content that speakers presented. NWS will present a spotter class in Fort Wayne this autumn and then won't

be able to return to Fort Wayne until the spring of 2021.

Annual Statewide Tornado Drill March 19

The NWS, in collaboration with other agencies, plans a statewide tornado warning drill Tuesday, March 19 at 10:15 a.m. ET. The Allen County SKYWARN net plans to participate by activating and accepting simulated spotter reports. When the drill begins, the net will enter "directed net" mode. We encourage all available hams to check into the net by transmitting their call signs and then one of the words or phrases below, indicated the type of simulated reports they wish to make. For example, "Whiskey Nine Lima Whiskey, wall cloud." When acknowledged by the net control station, a reporting station should then make a complete, simulated

report in standard TEL (time, event location) format, for example, "At 10:15 a.m., I observed a wall cloud near the intersection of Maplecrest Road and Stellhorn Road in northeastern Fort Wayne. This is a simulated spotter report. W9LW." Below is a list of events from which to choose for simulated reports:

- Tornado
- Funnel cloud
- Wall cloud
- Wind damage
- Hail
- Lightning damage, injury or death

This exercise will provide all participants a chance to practice procedures we would use during an actual severe weather event.





Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA

My quest for DXCC and WAZ was mostly done via contesting. Let's face it, there's no better way to work lots and lots of DXCC entities than in DX contests. On CW, that usually involves only copying the DX station's call, your call and an exchange (of which the signal report is usually 599). In summary, I got out of the habit of CW rag chewing like in my Novice and early General days.

But that changed in June of 2011 when I was nominated for The CW Operators' Club (CW Ops, for short). I was nominated by Norm N9MM (a former Hoosier). CW Ops encourages the CW mode, both in rag chewing and in contesting.

Then several years ago I became an

CW RAG CHEWING

Advisor for the Level 1 CW Academy. It takes students from no code to 15 wpm or so. At the end of Level 1, I make on-the-air CW QSOs with my students. Usually this is their first-ever on-the-air HF CW QSO. The QSO usually goes very well, as we've practiced the entire QSO on Skype. After that, the students are turned loose, hopefully to proceed to the next level – Level 2 – and to get on and rag chew to improve their copying ability (invariably their sending is farther along than their copying).

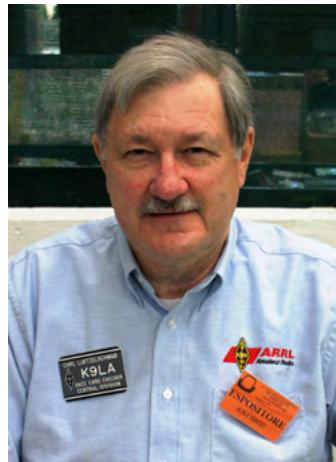
I believe in the saying "if you talk the talk, you better walk the walk." So this got me back into CW rag chewing. I have to admit this isn't a major activity here at K9LA, but I try to make a couple CW rag chews each week. Last week (the week of February 4 thru February 8) was a great example of the joys of a CW rag chew. I called CQ on 40m CW, and was answered by Brian K9VKY in Fombell, Pennsylvania.

After exchanging the customary pleasantries (a real RST, QTH, name, weather and rigs), Brian mentioned that he had lived in Crystal Lake, IL. I told him that I had worked with Motorola in Schaumburg, and had flown into the Crystal Lake airport many times. That got things started. He originally flew for United Airlines out

of O'Hare, but was furloughed and ended up with US Air (before American Airlines bought US Air) based in Pittsburgh (which is why he lives just north of Pittsburgh).

Along the way we also discovered we were both interested in vintage equipment. You can see a small portion of his vintage equipment on his page at www.qrz.com. Remember the January FWDXA column about Marty N9SE building a 1929-vintage transmitter? Well, Brian also built one – see the accompanying photo. Nice job, huh? And I believe the receiver to the right in the photo is a Collins model.

After about an hour, the 40m band dropped out between us. I am sure we would have continued on, but the ionosphere jumped in and said "enough is enough." The message for this month's column is to give conversational CW a shot. You may be pleasantly surprised who you run into.



K9VKY's 1929 Transmitter

QOTD AT 5, 8, 12, 15, 20, 25, AND 30 WPM

Podcasts by AI4QR

Among the many tools available these days to help folks who want to practice copying Morse Code, there is the podcast by Steve Conklin, AI4QR. He puts out a new podcast each day of a *Quote Of The Day (QOTD)* in Morse Code. It's on iTunes and it's free so you can listen to it with any device that has an iTunes app.

To find his podcast, just open up iTunes and do a search on his call sign - AI4QR - then pick the speed you would like to practice.

SKCC SPECIAL EVENT ACTIVATED BY SEVERAL FWRC MEMBERS

by Ken Rogner, N8KR

Each year the Straight Key Century Club (SKCC) has a month-long celebration during January where they have custody of the special event callsign: K3Y. Each call district of the United States along with each of the continents are allowed to assign the callsign to individual operators on a request system. Ken – N8KR was assigned K3Y/9 for 12 hours on January 12. For the 3rd straight year, the N8KR shack was home to area SKCCers who multi-op'd the K3Y/9 callsign. This year, 10 area hams, most, members of the Fort Wayne Radio Club, made over 200 CW contacts covering 46 states and 8 countries. Ben, KD8VMU made his first contact with Japan while operating.



Pictured above are Jim – KD9GDY and Terry – K9FMX at the 30/40m station on the left, Ed – WA9BBN and Joe – WB9EAO at the 160/80/17m station in the center, and Jay – W9LW at the 10/15/20m station on the right. Other visitor/ops included Carl – K9LA, Josh – W9HT, Ben – KD8VMU, and Don – K9LI. While the pictures show everyone busy at the radios, there was plenty of time for face to face "ragchewing" with plenty of food and snacks and pop to add to the fun! We're all ready to do this again next January with more area hams!



Ben – KD8VMU ... Jim – KD9GDY and Ed – WA9BBN ... what's with these southpaws?

FWRC QST

The 146.91 repeater and Echolink is now back on line!

The Code Practice net will be back on the 146.91 machine at 7:30 pm. If the 91 machine is down, the backup will be the 146.76. Remember to copy the code practice starting at 7:00 pm on W1AW. (3.5875; 7.0475 are the easiest to receive here in the Hoosier State.)

ARRL HEADQUARTERS SEEKS RADIOSPORT AND FIELD SERVICES MANAGER

ARRL is accepting applications for the position of Radiosport and Field Services Manager at ARRL Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut. This is a full-time, exempt position with a competitive salary. The successful candidate would be responsible for managing the Radiosport and Field Services functions, including employee training, and program and services delivery to members and field volunteers.

This individual works in conjunction with executive officers to: Establish annual operational plans, revenue forecasts, and budgets for the department and manage to those goals; manage Logbook of The World (LoTW) operations, including staff supervision, analysis of user issues, and problem resolution; serve as liaison with the ARRL Field Organization, including the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and the National Traffic System (NTS); oversee the election and appointment of Section Managers and other official ARRL field volunteers, and direct ARRL's emergency preparedness and response activities. The position involves travel.

The candidate will possess experience as a successful participant in Amateur Radio events and activities or as an ARRL Field Organization appointee, a well-rounded skill set, a reliable work ethic, and the ability to conduct business in a professional manner, both internally and externally.

For full requirements and additional details, see the ARRL Employment Opportunities listing.

NINTH DISTRICT INCOMING QSL BUREAU HAS A NEW MANAGER AND A NEW ADDRESS

Erik Andersen, K9EU, of Naperville, Illinois, has assumed the role of manager for the Ninth District Incoming QSL Bureau. He is a long-time volunteer with the Bureau as well as a noted and accomplished DXer and contester. He succeeds John Meyers, K9QVB, who served as manager for 2 decades and will remain a sorter and letter dispatcher. The Ninth District Bureau handles more than 45,000 DX QSL cards each month.

Effective immediately, send all Ninth District Incoming QSL Bureau correspondence to NIDXA, PO Box 125, Naperville, IL 60566.

THE FOXHUNT CHRONICLES FOR FEBRUARY 2019

The last week of January was a real struggle! Temperatures hit near record lows, pipes burst, water mains broke, and the Interstates were littered with semis that had their diesel fuel gel up. Schools missed up to four days. All this bad weather had us all wondering if having our first Fox Hunt of the year on February 3rd was going to be a bad idea! As it turns out, the weather was just great! Temps heading up into the low 50's, and the sun was shining with a gentle breeze blowing.

The 'Fox' team of Linda and Steve, W9LAN & W9SAN, had chosen to hide out on the eastern side of Allen County at Woodlan K-12 school, just to the west of Woodburn.

At 1:30pm the foxes started transmitting. During the first transmission the fox was accidentally set to low power. So, although the fox signal was weak at the Cobin Memorial Park start point, the assembled hunters (the team of KC9MUT & KC9EZP, the team of K9OMA, KA9YYI, WB9SSE and ride along hunter Brian Mockenhaupt, and the team of K9LI and his wife Julie plus ride along hunter KD9ITZ) heard it and started heading to the east. Progress was halted for some (more than a half hour for the K9OMA team) by a Norfolk and Southern freight train that came to a halt across several of the grade crossings on roads heading east. (Accusations that the fox team had conspired with N&S engineer Phil Hooper, AB9IZ, to use his company's trains to impede the hunters was later proved to be fake news!)

The day was nice while we were awaiting hunters as we transmitted from our spot at the school parking lot. A sheriff deputy pulled into the parking lot, and for



a while we felt that we might get a visit and a few hundred questions about what we were doing there with a very strange looking antenna on our van, but to our surprise nothing happened! (It is generally felt that there would definitely have been questions asked by the cops if the fox's had been the Pliett/Burke crew, and had it been the Ward/Gengnagel team, the cops would have come out of their vehicle with guns drawn and bazookas at the ready).

After nearly 40 minutes of transmitting on the fox frequency, the first hunter arrived on the scene, and it was Don and wife with new huntress Carla. I offered Carla a tape measure yagi with offset attenuator, and she quickly got the hang of it and started walking in the direction of the athletic fields and the signal from the micro-fox.

Within minutes, the team of Charles, KC9MUT, and Fred, KC9EZP, wheeled into the parking lot. Seems they had better luck with getting around that N&S train than the K9OMA team. Both Charles and Fred quickly deployed hunting gear and they too went off in search of the hidden transmitter. It wasn't too long before

Fred gave me the "I found it!" gesture. A few minutes later, new hunter Carla also located the fox in the foot panels in the aluminum bleachers at one of the ball diamonds. She was quickly followed by Don, K9LI, and Charles, KC9MUT.

We were just about to dispatch a Search and Rescue team complete with St. Bernards with little whiskey barrels under their necks to find the remaining team. When we did finally contact them on the '76 intercom frequency, they exclaimed they were lost now in Woodburn! We told them to head west to the school area and sure enough, they wheeled in there after a few minutes. Al, WB9SSE, was next to find the fox, followed by caboose Jim, K9OMA. (Apologies for the railroad reference!)

After all the hunters had successfully found the naughty little fox, it was decided to go to the Bob Evans at Chapel Ridge for tall tales and yummy food.



2019 FOXHUNT SCHEDULE

The following is the planned Foxhunt schedule for 2019. All foxhunts start at 1:30 PM on Sunday at the River Greenway Trailhead at Cobin Memorial Park near Lakeside Golf Course.

March 3
April 7
May 5
June 2
July 14
August 4
September 15
October 6
November 3

The scores resulting from this month's hunt were as follows:

Call	Score This Month	Year to Date
WB9SSE	1	1
K9OMA	1	1
KA9YYI	1	1
Brian Muckenaupt	1	1
KC9MUT	3	3
KC9EZP	4	4
KB9RLW	0	9
KC9UHU	0	5
W9SAN	5.67	5.67
W9LAN	5.67	5.67
K9LI	2	2
Julie Glick	2	2
KD9ITZ	2	2



Next month's fox hunt will be Sunday, March 3rd. Charles, KC9MUT and Fred, KC9EZP will serve as the fox. Why not come out and join us? For those that do, a free tape measure yagi will be given for those who participate in the hunt! It is a great way to get started in this fun part of Amateur Radio.

73, Steve, W9SAN



If you have something you would like to have listed in the classified section then please send an email to the newsletter editor at **AB9ZD(at)
ARRL.NET**.

SKCC MEMBERSHIP HITS 20,000 WHEN W9TE JOINS

I'm sure the founders of the Straight Key Century Club had no clue that their vision of a ham radio club dedicated to the art of mechanical CW would be this large after only 15 years! The popularity of the club is not only visible in its membership but also in participation of SKCC regular monthly events. As the members of SKCC waited to see the membership hit the 20,000 mark, little did they know that the coveted number would be given to the Fort Wayne Radio Club. There are over 20 individual members of SKCC in the Fort Wayne Radio Club and at least half of them are active.

SKCC rules for valid contacts require mechanical CW sending by using a straight key, bug, cootie or side swiper. Keyers and computerized sending is not allowed. Membership is free and the website, www.skccgroup.com is rich with resources. Just today our editor posted our quarterly newsletter, *The Ragchew*, which was 57 pages in length! The issue has lots of pictures and neat articles.

Since W9TE received SKCC #20000, operating activities for members of the Fort Wayne Radio Club are being planned. We hope to get something going by the second weekend in March and we are already designated as the bonus station for the April SKS two-hour event. For more information about the straight key century club, contact me or any SKCC member. Ken – N8KR@arrl.net



Toledo Mobile Radio Association 2019 Hamfest

TMRA's 64th Hamfest - Radios/Computers/Electronics

Sunday March 17th - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Owens Community College SHAC
30335 Oregon Road, Perrysburg, OH

<http://www.tmrhamradio.org/>

59th Annual Michigan Crossroads Hamfest & Radio Swap

Saturday, March 16th, 6:00 AM - Noon

Wings Event Center
3600 Vanrick Drive
Kalamazoo Township, MI

<https://www.w8df.com/>

CONTEST CALENDAR

Here are a few of the contests that will be held in the next few weeks. Please refer to the contest web sites for full rules, scoring information, operating periods or time limits, and log submission information.

Some of the places on-line with information on contests include:

ARRL Contest Corral Web page www.arrl.org/contests

ARRL's National Contest Journal www.arrl.org/ncj

ARRL Contest Update www.arrl.org/contest-update-issues

Contesting On-Line www.contesting.com

WA7BNM Contest Calendar www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/

DXNews <http://dxnews.com>

DX Zone Contesting www.dxzone.com/catalog/Contesting/

ARRL Contest Calendar www.arrl.org/contest-calendar

ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST, SSB			OKLAHOMA QSO PARTY			IDAHO QSO PARTY		
MARCH 2, 0000Z	MARCH 3, 2359Z		MARCH 9, 1500Z		MARCH 10, 2100Z		MARCH 9, 1900Z	
1.8-28	-	PHONE	3.5-28	50	PHONE, CW, DIGITAL	1.8-28	-	PHONE, CW, DIGITAL
W/VE: RS, SP. NON-W/VE: RS, POWER			RS(T), COUNTY OR SPC			RS(T), COUNTY OR SPC		
www.arrl.org/arrl-dx			http://k5cm.com/okqp.htm			http://idahoarrl.info/qso/		
NORTH AMERICAN SPRINT, RTTY			WISCONSIN QSO PARTY			LOUISIANA QSO PARTY		
MARCH 10, 0000Z	MARCH 10, 0400Z		MARCH 10, 1800Z		MARCH 11, 0100Z		MARCH 16, 1400Z	
3.5-14	-	DIGITAL	1.8-28	ALL	PHONE, CW, DIGITAL	1.8-28	50,144	PHONE, CW, DIGITAL
OTHER STATION'S CALL, YOUR CALL, SERIAL, NAME, SPC			WI COUNTY OR SPC			RS(T), PARISH OR SPC		
http://ncjweb.com/Sprint-Rules.pdf			http://warac.org/wqp/wqp.htm			http://laqp.louisianacontestclub.org/		
VIRGINIA QSO PARTY			NORTH AMERICAN SSB SPRINT CONTEST			CQ WW WPX CONTEST, SSB		
MARCH 16, 1400Z	MARCH 17, 2359Z		MARCH 24, 0000Z		MARCH 24, 0400Z		MARCH 30, 0000Z	
1.8-28	ALL	PHONE, CW, DIGITAL	3.5-14	-	PHONE	1.8-28	50,144	PHONE
SERIAL, COUNTY OR SPC			OTHER STATION'S CALL, YOUR CALL, SERIAL, NAME, SPC			RS, SERIAL		
www.qsl.net/sterling/VA_QSO_Party/			http://ncjweb.com/Sprint-Rules.pdf			www.cqwp.com		

ACARTS (W9INX) REPEATERS			FWRC (W9TE) REPEATERS			OTHER AREA REPEATERS		
Freq/Offset	Input Tone		Freq/Offset	Input Tone		Call	Freq/ Offset	Input Tone
146.880 (-)	No tone	General use / Skywarn priority	146.760 (-)	No tone	General use (Note 1)	W9FEZ	145.330 (-)	No tone
147.255 (+)	No tone	General use	146.910 (-)	No tone	General use (Notes 1 and 4)	W9FEZ	224.780 (-)	No tone
443.800 (+)	No tone	General use	146.940 (-)	141.3 Hz required	General use (Notes 1 and 3)	W9FEZ	444.800 (+)	No tone
144.390 (s)	Digital	APRS - wide	444.875 (+)	141.3 Hz required	General use (Note 1)	K9MMQ	443.100 (+)	N/A
145.530 (s)	Digital	W9INX-1 Digipeater and Node	442.99375	D-STAR	General use (Note 2)	K9MMQ	443.275 (+)	141.3 Hz required
Notes:			Notes:			N9MTF	442.6375 (+)	N/A
General Note: Standard 0.6 MHz (2-meter), 1.6 MHz (1.25-meter) and 5.0 MHz (70-cm) frequency offsets are used for all repeaters unless otherwise indicated.			1. 141.3 Hz output tone present 2. Offset + 5.0 MHz, W9TE ____ B, W9TE ____ G 3. Yaesu System Fusion repeater, supports both FM (analog) and C4FM (digital) voice 4. EchoLink connection repeater Node number 519521			W9AVW	444.250 (+)	141.3 Hz required
Articles, photographs, and classified ads for publication in the Allen County HamNews should be emailed to the newsletter editor at AB9ZD(at)ARRL.NET several days before the first of the month. If you notice information that needs changed, please contact the newsletter editor by email.						W9OU	147.015 (+)	No tone
The Allen County HamNews is prepared using Adobe's InDesign software along with PhotoShop and Acrobat on an i7 PC running Windows 10.						WC9AR	145.270 (-)	141.3 Hz required
						WC9AR	444.550 (+)	No tone
						K9OMA	147.375 (+)	No tone
						K9HC	146.685 (-)	141.3 Hz required
						N9BCP	147.150 (+)	97.4 Hz required
			Notes:					

Membership Application for ACARTS OR FWRC

Name: _____ Call sign: _____ License class: _____

Street address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP : _____ - _____ Phone #: (_____) _____ - _____ Unlisted? Yes

Email address: _____ ARRL Member? Yes

(ARRL membership helps your club maintain affiliation.)

May we list your name, call & email address in our membership roster and on our club web site? Yes No

Both clubs now offer this newsletter as a downloadable (Adobe Acrobat) PDF file, in lieu of a paper copy sent through the mail. For FWRC a mailed paper newsletter is a \$25.00/yr. premium.

How would you like your newsletter delivered? by snail mail download from web site.

A.C.A.R.T.S. Dues

Regular membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$12.00 / year
Additional family members ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year
Student membership ²	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year
Associate membership ³	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year

(New Regular memberships are \$1/month)

Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues

Regular membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 / year
Family membership ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00 / year
Student membership ²	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00 / year
Associate membership ³	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 / year
Mailed newsletter premium	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 / year

(Memberships for Jul - Dec are 1/2 the stated amounts.)

1. Please list all names and calls on an attached sheet.

2. K-12 or full time student

3. Unlicensed member

Please attach a check (number _____) for the appropriate amount and bring to a club meeting or mail to:

ACARTS
PO Box 10342
Fort Wayne, IN 46851-0342

Fort Wayne Radio Club.
PO Box 15127
Fort Wayne, IN 46885-5127

For dual membership, send a check to each club for your respective membership. Payment by check is strongly encouraged!

Special Event Stations This Month		
The Battleship Texas 105th Birthday		
Mar 1-14	0000Z-0000Z	W5T
www.qrz.com/db/kc5nx		
The American Legion's 100th Birthday		
Mar 8-10	1800Z-2359Z	K9TAL
www.legion.org/hamradio		
Winter Field Day		
Mar 9-17	1300Z-2100Z	W2B
http://bearbaitradioclub.com/		
Cherry Blossom Special Event Station		
Mar 23	1400Z-2000Z	W4BKM
www.w4bkm.org		
Wings of Freedom		
Mar 30	1600Z-2000Z	W7AI
www.tucsonhamradio.org/		

For a complete listing of special event stations (and latest updates), check the listing in QST and the ARRL web page:

www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

AREA NETS			
Daily		Tuesday	
8:00 AM	3.535	Daily (QIN) Indiana Section CW net	8:00 PM 50.580 USB FWRC 6-Meter SSB Net
8:30 AM	3.940	Daily Indiana Traffic Net	9:00 PM 146.940- Allen Co. ARES Training Net
Wednesday			
6:00 PM	3.940	Daily Indiana Traffic Net	7:00 PM 146.760- FWRC YL Net
6:30 PM	146.880-	IMO (alternate is 146.760)	7:30 PM 147.150+ 21 Repeater Group
7:00 PM	147.015+	Tri State Two Meter Net	8:00 PM 145.270- Whitley Co. ARES (141.3 PL)
8:00 PM	3.535	Daily (QIN) Indiana Section CW net	8:00 PM 50.580 FM FWRC 6-Meter FM Net
Week Days			
8:30 AM	3.820	Little Red Barn Net	9:00 PM 146.940- Help and Swap Net
Sunday			
8:00 PM	444.550+	Whitley Co. ARC Sunday Night Net	8:00 PM D-STAR Indiana D-STAR net (Note 3)
8:30 PM	1.965 & 146.910-	"No-Name" Net also on EchoLink Node number 519521	8:00 PM 50.580 AM 6-Meter AM Net
9:00 PM	145.530	Northeast Indiana Packet Net (Note 2)	8:30 PM 145.510 (s) Allen County ARES Digital Operations Team Training Net (Note 4)
Monday			
8:00 PM	224.780-	Fort Wayne 224 Net	8:00 PM 146.685- Huntington ARES
Saturday			

1. All times local time. **Any changes or corrections should be submitted to the newsletter editor at AB9ZD (at) ARRL.NET.**

2. On 145.530 @ 1200 baud. Use unconnected converse mode to communicate for a roundtable net setting. Use your "UNPROTO" command or equivalent to set Digi path(s) through the strongest station(s) needed between you and your destination. Only use those that are necessary! Have all your "Monitor" settings on so you can see everyone.

3. Reflector REFO24B.

4. Net starts using BPSK-31 and switches to BPSK-250 after roll call to pass traffic etc. NBEMS suite of software (FLDIGI, FLMSG, and FLAMP) is preferred.

5. Indiana HF Traffic Nets Web Site: <http://www.inarrl.org/index.php/public-service/indiana-nts>

To:

Activities Calendar



Date	Time	Event	Place
03/03/2019	1:30 PM	Foxhunt - River Greenway Trailhead/Cobin Memorial Park near Lakeside Golf Course	
03/05/2019	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
03/12/2019	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Facility
03/15/2019	7:00 PM	FWRC General Meeting	GSUMC
03/19/2019	7:00 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Red Cross Center
04/02/2019	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
04/06/2019	7:00 PM to 10:00 PM	VHF/UHF FM Simplex Contest	
04/07/2019	1:30 PM	Foxhunt - River Greenway Trailhead/Cobin Memorial Park near Lakeside Golf Course	
04/09/2019	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Facility
04/12/2019	7:00 PM	FWRC Spring Banquet	GSUMC
04/16/2019	6:00 PM	ACARTS Spring Banquet	Don Hall's Guesthouse
11/16/2019	9:00 AM	Fort Wayne Hamfest	Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
11/17/2019	9:00 AM	Fort Wayne Hamfest	Allen County War Memorial Coliseum